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SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 7, 1878.

## Local Affairs.

Mr. E. C. Fenimore is now shipping some splendid grapes.

The congregation of St. Ann's Church, Sunday last, contributed \$52 for the yellow fever sufferers at the South.

Mr. C. S. Roberts, the "music man," was in town this week looking for work. We are glad to know that Charlie's Chester music store is a success.

The splendid store room in the Town Hall lately visited by Moore & Co., is still vacant. Here is a good opportunity for some one to engage in business.

Mr. G. W. Naudain, of Odessa, is now making daily trips to Philadelphia on the "Ohio," and will on commission all kinds of country produce.

The Tournament at the Delaware State Fair promises to be an event of extraordinary interest. In the evening a grand ball will be given by the citizens of Dover.

The Chesapeake City people had an enjoyable excursion to Tolchester beach, per steamer Chester, on Wednesday. The Diamond State brass band furnished the music.

Walton, Whann & Co. publish this week a number of new testaments. We are glad to know that it seems to have been well pleased with the Acid Phosphate as a wheat producer.

We learn that Mr. Victor Lord is engaged in the manufacture of phosphate at Odessa, and is meeting with success. There is certainly a good opening for that business in this neighborhood.

Mr. B. J. Green, near Warwick, Md., has this season, raised the champion wheat crop of this section. He has just measured up 1,400 bushels of wheat, the product of 37 acres of ground, which is an average of 38 bushels per acre.

Mr. J. B. Fenimore, near Odessa, has one of the handsomest and best kept vineyards in the State, and we understand that it is paying him good returns this season. We passed by it on Wednesday last and should like to have gone in and sampled the grapes but a neat and impassable hedge-fence forbade.

Advertisements have crowded our paper a little of late which has necessarily caused a decrease in the usual number of columns of reading matter. Many contracts will soon expire, however, when we hope to be able to devote more space to miscellaneous news and local matter than we have been doing in the past.

On our first page will be found an account of the shooting of A. H. Blackiston, formerly of Kent County, Md., by T. Cook Hughey, at Cumberland, on Friday last week. Mr. Hughey was to have had a hearing on Tuesday, but waived examination and was committed to jail to await the action of the grand jury next month.

A friend now in Kansas, who has had much experience with Eastern Shore "chills," writes home that he does not know what a regular, genuine "chill" is. Out with him it is known as a "cold-water valley shake," and, whenever a man has one, all of the pegs fall out of his boots. The Eastern Shore ague is good enough for us.

Do not forget the grand excursion to Cape May per rail and steamer Thomas Clyde, Tuesday next. The "mixed train" leaving Middletown at 6:30 A. M., will connect with the excursion train at Clayton, which will meet the "Clyde" at Bombay Hook. Returning, the same train will connect with the excursion at Clayton, at 3 P. M.

Under the head of New Advertisements will be found the card of J. D. Marshall, with the Philadelphia notion firm, Jones, Hoar & Co. We advise our friends to call on Marshall when in the city and look through his stock, for he is one of the best fellows in the business. The firm which he represents is well known all over the Peninsula.

Another grand excursion will be run to Cape May, per steamer Thomas Clyde, on Tuesday next. Passengers on the Delaware Road will connect with the train at Clayton, which will meet the "Clyde" at Bombay Hook. The Diamond State brass band, and those who go may expect an enjoyable time.

The foundation walls of Mr. J. B. Foard's new dwelling, on Main street below Cass, are up, and we are informed that this will be one of the neatest and handsomest residences in our town. Mr. Morrison is the contractor. Broad street, it seems, is also to have another new dwelling. W. J. H. Lingo, having contracted to erect for Mr. Charles Tatum, Jr. It will be a commodious structure, we learn, and an ornament to its neighborhood.

We learn that Miss M. M. Cole, who was so successful as a teacher of vocal and instrumental music last season, and with whose fine musical attainments our people are so well acquainted, is now forming classes for this season, both in Middletown and New Castle, and will receive pupils on the most reasonable terms. Miss Cole has given a number of very successful concerts in Middletown, at which she has always been enthusiastically received by our citizens.

The Democratic voters will, to-day, nominate State Senators, members of the Legislature and Levy Court Commissioners throughout New Castle county, and some of the hundreds will nominate Road Commissioners, Inspectors and Assessors, while others will defer such nominations one week later. There are a good many candidates in some of the hundreds, and the canvass for the nomination has been conducted with considerable warmth, but we hope the majority will go gracefully to the will of the majority, and adhere to the motto that "in union there is strength."

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Next Thursday night will be the grand finale of the season at the "Hygeia House," Collins' Beach. By reference to the notices elsewhere in our columns it will be seen that Messrs. Greaves & Co. are preparing for a rich entertainment in the dining hall, and they will be especially glad to see, on this their closing night, all their old friends and patrons. The Chester string band has been engaged for the occasion.

A number of gentlemen visited Port Penn, Wednesday evening last, and partook of the hospitality of Mr. Bendler, of the Port Penn Hotel. Mrs. Bendler spread a supper before them that would have made old Epicurus' eyes snap, and the guests, individually and collectively, had a most enjoyable time. A gentleman who resides a short distance south of Middletown lingered longest at the board, and demolished not less than two dozen crabs—and it wasn't a good day for crabs either.

**Hundred Meeting.** In pursuance to a call of the Chairman of the Hundred Committee, a number of the Democratic voters of St. George's Hundred, met at the hotel of John D. Paulin, Odessa, Saturday evening last. In the absence of the Chairman of the Committee, E. R. Cochran called the meeting to order, when C. Watkins was made Chairman and W. Scott Way Secretary. On motion of W. S. Vandike the Chairman appointed a committee of five to recommend the names of hundred officers to be voted for at the nomination election, Saturday, September 14th. The committee, consisting of T. P. Dillinger, W. S. Vandike, A. G. Osborne, W. Jerome Elison and M. E. Walker, after consultation, reported through their Chairman that they recommended the following gentlemen for hundred officers:

For Road Commissioners—T. J. Cravey, John B. Vandinger. For Inspectors—West—Wm. Wood; East—C. Watkins.

On motion of H. A. Nowland, the meeting then adjourned.

**Our Local Budget.** We are very sorry to learn that Sewell Holten has disposed of his horse. Candidates will be off the "ragged edge" to-night. Weather this week has been considerably warmer in places. We are sorry to state that there is yet no abatement in the dreadful "White, Emma" epidemic which recently appeared in Middletown. Secretary Sherman will now put in circulation ten millions of the new silver dollars. A few this way, please!

The agricultural editor is glad to state that the prospect for a large turnip crop is favorable. We are informed by Mr. E. R. Cochran that crabs are now very scarce at Port Penn. A couple of individuals selling a cheap staged instrument called a "Cotton-wool harp," made the air musical about Marlwell's lot this week. Col. George Washington Ingram and Major Ashbury Sanderson Pennington, of Middletown, recently visited the "Town Point House," at the confluence of the Elk and Bohemia rivers, Cecil county, Md., and the proprietor, Mr. Joseph Call, entertained them handsomely. The local editor acknowledges the receipt of a number of interesting reports from the advocates of the water-plug (in future) but the local editor has been there.

**Another Reeper Accident.** Again it is our unpleasant duty to record another reeper accident in our community. It has scarcely been two weeks since Walter J. Griffith was terribly crippled while cutting seed-clover, near Sassafras, Md., and now we have had a similar accident within a mile of Middletown. On Thursday afternoon reports flew rapidly through our town that Charles Derrickson had met with a terrible accident, by being thrown in front of a reaping machine, and one of his limbs severed by the knives. Mr. Derrickson is a young man who has many warm friends wherever he is known, and is a general favorite in our community, and the fearful intelligence of course created considerable excitement. Due allowance was made for the excitement of the party bringing the report, and it was hoped the affair was less serious than he made it.

From Mr. Ash Pennington, who was at the scene soon after the accident and assisted in removing Mr. Derrickson to his house, we learn the following particulars:

Mr. Derrickson had started a colored farm-hand at cutting seed-clover with a reaper and was walking near-directing the reaper how to avoid some peach-tree stumps in the field, when, without being aware that he was so near to the reaper, he was suddenly run down by it, the knives striking the back part of both his ankles, cutting one of them through to the bone and the other slightly. The driver was immediately despatched to Middletown for physicians, and Dr. Barr and Chamberlain were soon at the scene of the accident and the wound dressed. The cut is a severe one, but no loss of blood was suffered. The main tendon of the left ankle is severed, the knives having reached the bone, but hopes are entertained that Mr. Derrickson will not be seriously injured from the effects of the accident. He has the warm sympathy of all our citizens.

**McArdy's Corpse.** Wednesday last a girl, apparently about 15 years of age, accompanied by a small boy, entered Reynolds' & Co's. store and presented to a gentleman present a subscription paper which stated that the bearer's father had died during Tuesday night; that the family were without means to bury him; were in destitute circumstances and worthy objects of charity. One or two names with sums of \$2 headed the paper. Mr. E. Walker, who was present, concluded to investigate the matter before contributing to the burial fund and questioned the girl in regard to her place of residence, which was indefinitely located by her as being "down the road." Her father's name was McArdy, she stated, and he had died the night before. Mr. Walker continued to question her in regard to the location of her home, but her geographical knowledge of "down the road" seemed to be utterly at fault, and his suspicions were aroused that the dead McArdy might be a myth, and he asked the girl if she would go with him to her home; to which she readily consented. Mr. Walker's carriage, in which the gentleman proposed to take the self-satisfied orphan to the scene of death, was standing in front of the Bank, and the three left the store together, but, when the carriage was reached, the girl made some trivial excuse to enter the alley below the Bank, which leads into Mr. Hall's yard, where she was followed by the boy. Mr. Walker waited with all the patience for which his name is proverbial, but the "orphans" not returning in a reasonable space of time, he called Mr. Hall and investigated, when it was found that the back gate of the yard had been forced open and the seekers of charity *non est*. It is reasonable to conclude that the McArdy funeral will not come off at present, but that the corpse will be transferred to some other locality where the pseudo orphans will try it again, and perhaps be more successful than they were here. People should be sure that a man is a very dead before they contribute towards his funeral expenses in these uncertain times. McArdy may be a myth, or he may be a professional corpse from the city, and while the subscription list for his funeral was being circulated he may have been meditating on the shady side of some neighboring thorn-bush waiting for the returns to come in.

**State News.** Prof. J. H. Groves will hereafter lead the choir of the Smyrna M. E. Church.

A Cedar Creek Hundred, Kent county colored man is rapidly turning white.

Kent county has raised a big tomato crop and they pay at \$20 per ton.

Delaware City's new church will be dedicated early in October.

The Dover ladies will present the State Fair Association with a handsome flag.

S. W. Hall & Co., the Fredericks canners, are now running on full time with about 300 hands.

Prof. Groves examined twenty-four candidates for teachers on Friday and Saturday last.

Sussex will put half a million of dollars in her trousers pockets as her share of the peach crop.

Duck Denney's orchard, at the mouth of Duck Creek, has produced 4,000 bushels of peaches this season.

It is stated that Burton and Thompson have leased the Bright House at Rehoboth, for another season.

In Kent county a great many horses are dying of "blind staggers." The disease seems to prevail mainly in the lowlands and is nearly always fatal.

Milford is to have a new paper called the Chronicle. Messrs. Julius E. Scott and Theo. Townsend will be the publishers, and it will be independent in politics.

Robert H. Cummins, of Smyrna, recently washed a cherry stone from one of his ears which was put there by a mischievous school-mate over forty years ago.

**MARYLAND MATTERS.** The Elkton gas-works have not been a financial success.

The Chestertown brass band has conquered "Widos, Emma."

Powers' "fat woman combination" exhibited in Centerville this week.

The new Catholic Church at Church Hill, Queen Anne's county, will be dedicated tomorrow, Sept. 8th.

H. W. Vickers, Esq., trustee, has sold the McWorther home farm, in Kent county, Md., containing 233½ acres, to John T. Robinson, for \$7,000 cash.

Cecil county Democrats will hold their primary meetings to-day. The Congressional Convention will assemble at Cockeysville, on Thursday, Sept. 12th.

A ten-year-old son of Joshua Barwick, of Queen Anne's county, was burned to death on Sunday last, while attempting to kindle a fire with coal oil. As is usually the case, he lighted the kindling and then poured the oil on it from the can; an explosion followed and the child was enveloped in flames. The mother made heroic efforts to smother the fire and save the child but was unsuccessful, he being dreadfully burned about the head, arms and body. He lived but a few hours. The house, with the furniture, was also destroyed.

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Thursday's Del. R. R. Excursion to Ocean City is, we understand, the last of the season to that point. The train left Wilmington with about fifty passengers, making additions at all the stations and passing Delmar with about 300 excursionists on board. An excursion was also run to Rehoboth on Friday.

**Base Ball Challenge.** The Captain of the Mutual B. B. Club of Odessa, requests us to state that his club is ready and anxious to meet again the "Oceans" of Chesapeake city, and that he will play that club the third and final game at any point in the United States, or province of New Jersey, within the next thirty days.

**They Will Run a Ticket.** The Republican County Executive Committee is undismayed, it seems, at the recent defeat in Wilmington, and will hold a nomination election for Sheriff and Coroner on Saturday, September 21st. They will also, it is stated, make a full county ticket at some time not yet fixed upon. This news will be refreshing to the Democrats of New Castle county, as a one-sided campaign is a dull affair.

**Religious Notes.** Quarterly meeting at M. E. Church. Love-Fest at 9 o'clock, next Sabbath morning. All Christians are invited. At 10 A. M. Rev. Charles Hill, P. E., will preach. On Thursday evening next, Sept. 12th, a special service will be held for the purpose of baptizing probationers, and preparing them for reception into full communion the following Sabbath. The usual semi-monthly Temperance meeting, will be held to-morrow afternoon, at the Town Hall, at 3½ o'clock. All are invited.

**Our Annual Fair.** The entry books of the Peninsula Agricultural and Pomological Association are now open at the Secretary's office, and we understand that applications from competitors are pouring rapidly in—so rapidly, in fact, that the Secretary can be seen almost any day, with his coat off and shirt sleeves turned back, busily engaged in recording them. We shall lay the advertisement of the Fifth Annual Fair of this Association before our readers next week. We can assure the Peninsula people that the Exhibition of 1878 will be the best and most interesting Fair yet held at Middletown.

**List of Letters.** Remaining in the Post Office at Middletown, Del., for the month ending Aug. 31st, 1878. Emma Burton, John H. Birchhead, Susan R. Hall, William Jones, George W. Honey, E. W. P. Johnson, Laura Jones, Susan Jefferson, Annie Moore, Patrick F. Pierce, William V. Reagans, Chas. W. Wright, Anna Walker, L. Anna Whitley.

Persons calling for the above letters will please say that they are advertised. D. L. DUNNING, Postmaster.

**WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY.** [This column is open to all who will express their views in a respectful manner, use no personal abuse or puff, and quit when they are done.]

**Editor's Note.** Under the new rules, the Democratic party of New Castle county will, to-morrow, as per Democratic announcement, elect candidates for the various positions which the people will fill on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November. These rules stipulate that no Democrat in nomination election, No others qualified, and I do urge upon judges of the election to see to it that these nominations shall be made by the members of the party. Any man that is a Republican, or the supporter of any other political organization, is not invited, and his attempting to nominate a candidate for us is impudent, to say the least.

To this nomination Republicans are not invited, and we have managed our affairs so successfully in this county to-day they are powerless. When we wish them to select our candidates for us we will give them public notice. If they wish the pleasure of voting, why do they not go through the form of a nomination? If they do, I think I will be safe in guaranteeing that no Democrat in good standing will win the liberty of voting at their polls. Let us have a nomination by Democrats.

Yours, DEMOCRAT.

**Lucas' Mixed Paint.** "Blatchley's" Celebrated Cucumber Wood Pumps, and "Griffin's" Cucumber Wood Pumps. These are the two best Cucumber Wood Pumps in the market.

I desire particularly to call special attention to Lucas' Mixed Paint. A very superior Paint—all colors. Large quantities sold and giving universal satisfaction. Manufactured by John Lucas & Co., one of the oldest and most reliable paint manufacturers in Philadelphia. Satisfaction guaranteed. Send for color card and prices. We consider it superior to the well-known "Averill Paint."

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**NEW JERSEY Chemical Company's**

**Trade W. x C. Mark.**

**Super-Phosphate**

**MAINTAINS ITS PAST STANDARD** in every respect, and at the same time it is offered at the most reasonable rates. When large quantities are ordered a liberal discount will be given for cash.

The quality of this Phosphate has not been suffered to deteriorate in the least, and is now known to be one of the very best and strongest manures in the market.

The New Jersey Company are also manufacturing

**Acidulated Phosphate and Soluble Bone and Potash Phosphates** pronounced by persons who have used it a first-class manure, which they can sell at a much lower rate than the Super-Phosphate.

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